

City Council Special and Regular Meetings, May 23, 2000

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 1223 Ralston Avenue

SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

STUDY SESSIONS

Discussion regarding View Preservation Policy

Presentation by Mr. Yniguez, consulting arborist, who reviewed development and implementation of view ordinances in other cities. Council concurred to have this policy return to the Park and Recreation Commission for minor revisions, including a compensation provision, and a two year sunset clause. It was suggested that the purpose and objectives section be reversed to have view preservation listed first.

Adjournment at this time being 6:50 P.M.

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Discussion regarding proposed church at Belmont Theatre.

Presentation made by Pastor Gonzales, Church of God group on proposed use of Belmont Theatre. Council concurred that they could not support this use. They discussed various options including retail/office uses. The applicant was instructed to work with the staff on plans for this location.

Adjournment at this time being 7:20 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING - 7:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Warden, Hahn, Wright, Cook

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Rianda

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Lewcock, Public Works Director Curtis, Principal Planner de Melo, Interim Community Development Director Macris, Finance Director Fil, Police Chief Goulart, Parks and Recreation Director Mittelstadt, Technology Specialist Harnish, Human Resources Director Kushon, City Attorney Savaree, City Clerk Kern

PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lawhern, 408 Hiller Street, Belmont Historical Society, reported that the Belmont Then and Now multi media history project that the Central Elementary School students had worked on all year had taken top honors at the Cal Student Multi Media Festival.

Mayor Cook instructed City Clerk Kern to prepare a Proclamation to present to Central School for winning this award for their multi-media presentation.

Mr. Baggetta, 1544 Altura Way, expressed concern about plans for a new 1 million gallon water tank in his neighborhood. He presented a petition with 47 signatures on it.

Interim City Manager Lewcock explained that the Water District was a private company with their own elected body, and the City had no authority in their matters. He suggested that Mr. Baggetta and his neighbors attend a water board meeting and express their concerns directly to that board.

Mr. Freeman, 1531 Solana Dr. stated that he was also concerned and had never been informed about this project.

C. Cook stated that she had attended the video taping of the Quiz Kids show, and congratulated Carlmont High for reaching the semi-finals.

C.Cook reported on the untimely death of Councilman Yates from San Mateo. Council extended their condolences to his family and colleagues.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of meeting minutes: Special and Regular Meetings for May 9, 2000

Approval of Warrant List Dated: May 5, 2000 in total amount of \$319,115.83 and dated May 12, 2000 in total amount of \$736,277.42.

Motion to approve Claims Management Report.

Motion to set Public Hearings for National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems Charge (NPDES; County and City Fees) for June 13, 2000.

Motion to approve policy positions for:

- a. AB 1806 & Stickland SB 1637 limiting the allocations going to the ERAF to no greater than the amount allocated in 1999-2000; and,
- b. SB 1110 to expand the state's plastics recycling Law (SB 235) to include all food and cosmetic containers.

Resolution No. 8756 approving award of contract to California Trenchless, Inc. for the Amount of \$75,034.05 for Ralston Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project City Contract 406 (Bid opening 5/16).

Resolution No. 8757 authorizing payment for Change Order No. 127 for an amount Not To Exceed \$122,915.00 for concrete retaining wall construction at Ralston Avenue and El Camino Real, Ralston/Harbor/Holly Grade Separation Project, Phase B, Kiewit Pacific Corp., City Contract No. 330-B.

Resolution No. 8758 authorizing payment for Change Order No. 55 for an amount not to exceed \$75,800.00 for relocating parking lot lights, Ralston/Harbor/Holly Grade Separation Project, Phase B, Kiewit Pacific Corp., City Contract No. 330-B.

Resolution No. 8759 approving the installation of a Speed Bump on Waltermire Street between Fifth Avenue and El Camino Real.

Resolution No. 8760 authorizing execution of Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$50,000 with Wheeler Plumbing for Television Inspection Services.

Resolution No. 8761 authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Geier & Geier Consulting to conduct an Environmental Study for the Summerhill Homes Residential Development Project at 2440 Carlmont Drive. (Jewish Community Center)

Resolution No. 8762 authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wagstaff & Associates to conduct an Environmental Study for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Master Plan Project at 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas.(Sunrise Assisted Living)

Motion approving locations for three El Camino Real Bells.

Resolution No. 8763 authorizing advertising for sealed bids for City Contract Number 405 – Improvements to Alexander Park. (Bid opening June 29, 2000)

Resolution No. 8764 authorizing Purchase Order to Stepford in the amount of \$17,873.75 for the purchase of hardware and installation services for upgrade of Citywide file Server.

Resolution No. 8765 authorizing Purchase Order to Gigabytes in the amount of \$17,966.07 for the purchase of hardware and Installation Services for upgrade of Citywide Exchange Server.

Resolution No. 8766 authorizing and directing City Manager to enter into an agreement with MPAC to provide cable casting services for City Council Meetings.

Consent Calendar adopted as amended. Moved by C. Hahn, seconded by C. Wright and approved unanimously, by show of hands, 4-0 (Rianda, abs.)

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Proposed City Manager Candidate profile and Compensation.

Interim City Manager Lewcock reported that profiling work was done by the Search Consultant following meetings with Council members, community members and Department Heads. He stated that the feedback contained in the agenda questions indicated that some editing was necessary, and would be incorporated in the final draft profile. He asked if there were any other areas that needed to be highlighted so they would be reflected in the final brochure.

Interim City Manager Lewcock asked for direction regarding compensation. He explained that the staff had provided information on comparable cities and recommended that the compensation be kept at a ball park figure until negotiations with the final candidate.

Council discussed minor amendments to the profile: Attachment D - removal of the verbiage in reference to Oral –B Corporation, and removal of language regarding a bond measure on November ballot.

C.Hahn stated she had made some suggestions in the Monday agenda questions to be incorporated in the final draft of the brochure.

Council suggested the wording under relocation /housing assistance be modified to indicate assistance as needed, and inclusion of information regarding the Redevelopment Agency bond issue. It was suggested that word-smithing be done to provide a more positive spin on profile.

In response to Council questions, Interim City Manager Lewcock stated that upper tier candidates resumes would be available in July, with interviews in August.

Work Plan and Public Information Campaign Report on impending new sewer and storm drain ordinance.

Finance Director Fil explained the Public Information Campaign and work plan for the new sewer and storm drain rates. He said that meetings would target different markets to obtain feed back.

In response to C. Cook, Finance Director Fil stated that they would contact the condominium and apartment house owners, commercial organizations, and the general public to attend these meeting.

In response to C. Warden, Interim City Manager Lewcock stated that after researching various rate schedules, he would suggest using a true user-based cost basis.

Consideration of Resolution authorizing Interim City Manager Lewcock to execute Professional Service Agreements with Bond Counsel; Financial Advisor and Voter Survey Consultant for potential Library Bond Measure Finance Director Fil explained that this action would hire a team to draft the work for the Library Bond Measure, structure the tax to be allocated, and a survey consultant to determine the level of support for a bond measure for this November. He said the Library Task Force voted favorably to begin this process and the Finance Commission had been apprised of this work plan.

Action: on motion by C. Wright, seconded by C. Hahn and approved 4-0 (Rianda, abs.) by show of hands, to adopt:

Resolution No. 8767 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with Stradling Yocca to serve as Bond Counsel, Fieldman Rolapp to serve as Financial Advisor and the Center for Community Opinion as Voter Survey Consultant

Update on plans for Grade Separation Grand Opening.

Ms. Dentler, Executive Director, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, reported that the event would be held on June 8th. She indicated that since the memo to Council, Keiwi Pacific, the contractor had donated \$5,000 to San Carlos and Belmont. She explained that she still had money left from the last party and would like to put this toward the Grand Opening. She said with all the items that were being donated, they should be able to reduce costs and be split 50/50 between the cities.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to set a meeting date for City Council interviews of the General Plan Update Committee applicants.

Principal Planner de Melo reported that Council had extended the deadline for these applications. He requested direction on whether or not Council wanted to establish an interview schedule for the applicants. He noted that an application had been received after the April 15th deadline and requested direction as to whether or not this application should be considered which would bring the total to 22 applications in addition to the various representatives from the commissions.

C. Wright stated that he would like to meet the 22 applicants within the framework of a Study Session to provide an interchange between the applicants, staff and the consultant regarding the General Plan Update.

C.Hahn stated that she would like to interview the applicants because she thought it was an important task.

C. Warden stated that he would like to interview all the applicants because it was the Council's duty to know who they were appointing for this two year commitment. He suggested that they interview them in groups of five which would allow Council to have an interchange and determine who to appoint.

C. Cook stated she agreed with C. Wright and said it would be difficult to interview so many candidates. She said if people were interested in applying she thought they would add value and input to the process and she would prefer not interviewing.

In response to Council questions, Principal Planner de Melo stated that he did not think that a group study session could be scheduled within the next thirty days, because a consultant had not been selected.

C.Wright stated he would be willing to work with staff to structure interactive meetings with 3 groups of 5 applicants. He suggested that Council meet following these interviews to review the applicants. He said he would attempt to have the meetings last 45 minutes so that all the interviews could be done in one evening.

Council concurred to accept the application that had been received after the deadline.

Ms. King 1801 Notre Dame, asked what criteria would be used for selection of applicants because of the diverse criteria for the General Plan. She asked how they would replace members that decided to leave the task force.

Mr. Bauer, 1027 Tahoe Drive, said this was a volunteer process that would require brainstorming with other citizens, staff and Council to decide how to proceed. He spoke against interviewing individual members because it was a waste of valuable Council time.

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved 3-1 (Cook, no; Rianda, abs.) to conduct 4 ½ hour interviews with 5-6 applicants.

Report on SCA-3 and Senate Bill 2003.(Speier)

Public Works Director Curtis reported that SCA-3 was a proposed amendment to the State Constitution that would enable taxing measures to be passed by a simple majority of voters.

He reported that SB2003 was known as the "Baby Bullet" legislation. He said this \$127,000,000 project would allow an express train to run between San Jose and San Francisco on a third rail or track that would be constructed in certain locations along the route. He said this project would be included in the Governor's package and distributed to this project.

In response to C. Hahn, Public Works Director Curtis stated that this project had not been designed yet, but he did not think there was enough train right-of-way to build a third rail in Belmont.

In response to Council questions, Interim City Manager Lewcock reported that this was a funding bill to the Joint Powers Board, and a letter to the legislature would be in support of the concept of state funding, without getting into the design details.

Ms. Purcell, 1801 Granada, Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee to the Transportation Authority, explained that the area around Belmont was too narrow for third rail, but San Mateo and Burlingame were beginning construction soon, so the third rail may be constructed at one of those locations. She said funding would come from the Governor's transportation bill and from the Transportation Authority.

Action: on motion by C. Wright, seconded by C. Cook, and approved 4-0 (Rianda, abs.), to support SB 2003 (Speier).

Council concurred there was no support for SCA-3.

Mayor Cook requested that Public Works Director Curtis prepare a letter of support for SB2003 for her signature.

BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE UPDATES, AND STAFF REPORTS

Grade Separation Report

Public Works Director Curtis reported that the retaining wall at Max's restaurant would begin construction this week and the structural wall at Blockbuster was started last week. He said that the contractor was finishing up contractual and extra change order work on the Grade Separation, including the removal of the culvert from Belmont Creek. He noted that the Grade Separation Party would be held on June 8th.

Direct Access/Ralston 101 Report

Public Works Director Curtis reported that work was being completed on the project report to be submitted to Caltrans for review.

Mayor Cook requested a summary of this project to report at her meeting with Farallon Homeowners group on June 6th.

Traffic Calming Committee Update

Public Works Director Curtis reported the committee was in the process of revising the plan and working on a cost estimate to implement the recommendations. This report should be ready for Council soon.

MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION

Consideration of shuttle bus service in Belmont. (Rianda)

This item will be agendaized for the first meeting in June because C. Rianda was absent.

Direction regarding adding a School Board member to the Library Task Force. (Cook)

C. Cook stated that Belmont/Redwood Shores Elementary School Trustee Bonner had expressed interest in being appointed to the Library Task Force. She stated that with the passage of State Bond Measure Proposition 14 , Capital Improvements for Libraries, one of the criteria stated that to receive funding, a direct correlation between libraries and schools must be shown, and this appointment would help to fulfill that criteria.

Action: on motion by C .Cook, seconded by C. Hahn, and approved unanimously 4-0 (Rianda, abs.), to appoint Trustee Bonner to the Library Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:00 P.M., this meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Kern

Belmont City Clerk

Meeting tape Recorded

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